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VIA E-MAIL

Jim Ward
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Roche Harbor Water System – UW-080562 – Data Request 4

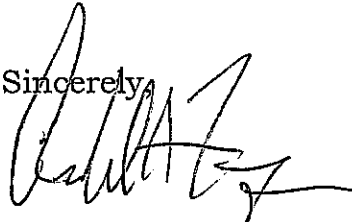
Dear Mr. Ward:

This will respond to Question 3 of Data Request 4.

3. Please provide a detailed explanation of why meals – entertainment are provided for by the water company in the amount of \$3,138.

Response: Please see attached. Some of the lunches take the form of staff meetings where the staff gets together to discuss the status of various projects and company issues. Some of the lunches are rewards for outstanding service, such as an employee providing customer service above and beyond the call of duty. Some of the lunches and other functions are morale builders. This includes such things as the Christmas party, staff picnic, etc. These are important expenses for the smooth operation of the company and the delivery of service to the customers.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure
cc: David Gibbs (via e-mail)